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PAUL EASTHE
AGENT DESCRIPTION FORM

NAME OF AGENT: CAPTAIN

Date: 11 May 1946

Case Officer: []

I. INTELLIGENCE VALUE

- A. At present Captain is providing us with statistical reports giving a broad, over-all picture of transportation matters in the Soviet Zone. These are usually quarterly or annual reports prepared by the German Central Administration for Transport. While they deal chiefly with railroad affairs, some have presented figures on motor transportation and on inland waterways. Captain has also kept us informed regarding DZVV policy, administration and personnel. His railway traffic reports to some extent duplicate Capstone's efforts; however, they have value and interest for purposes of comparison. Washington has repeatedly expressed appreciation for this type of reporting, but has not been specific as to exactly what of this rather broad coverage is of greatest interest. The Transport Division of C. GUS has also asked to have access to these reports.
- B. Captain was recruited with the long-range view in mind. He is trained for foreign office duty and would have long been in that service of the former German Government save for his unacceptability to the Nazis. He has been for years a professor of law at the Kaiser Wilhelm Gesellschaft and is an accepted authority on international law. His ambition has always been and is today to have a career with the German foreign office. Nothing has been uncovered about him that would be cause to prevent him from achieving this ambition. His knowabilities and professional standing should make it relatively easy for him to find a place in this branch of a new German government. Meanwhile, he has entertained thoughts of working for Bizonia, taking a professorship at some German university, and seeking employment with the European Recovery Program. Concerning the first two he has had specific offers, but of late his greater interest and hope has been in becoming associated with the ERP. We have marked this interest and have gone so far as to tell him that we will try to find out what opportunities there are or will be. In the opinion of the Case Officer we should try to hold and assist him. Whether in ERP or Bizonia or wherever else, he will continue to work for us, and eventually we will have a loyal agent in the heart of the German foreign office. If Germany should be split and Captain were caught in the East, his hope of a career in the foreign office will be lost. He would then doubtless return to teaching at some university in Eastern Germany. It may

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be expected that his sympathy will then still lie with the West, but his enthusiasm in working for us will doubtless have waned. Nevertheless, he is by now sufficiently tied to us, that he will welcome any contact after the break. Should he still be employed in an official capacity in the Soviet Zone, he would certainly be of considerable help to us in reorganizing our efforts there.

II. OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Present Cover

1. This agent is presently employed as the first assistant legal adviser for the DZVV. In addition he teaches some courses in law at the University of Berlin.
2. His residence is in the French Sector of Berlin, the outlying part of Hermsdorf. The house stands quite by itself, is very unpretentious, and can be reached by car or S-Bahn very easily. Unless great pressure is applied, Captain will continue to live there as long as he is in Berlin.
3. Captain's circle of associates appears to consist mostly of professors and scholars. One doesn't get the impression that he leads a very active social life.
4. He is fairly well paid for his work at the DZVV and never lets it be felt that he isn't getting along financially.
5. Politically, he is a liberal. At present partyless, he did formerly adhere to the Social Democratic Party of Germany. Efforts to get him into the SED have so far failed.

- B. Captain would best fulfill the function of an agent. His willingness to work for us need not be questioned, but the degree of his enthusiasm may well be conditioned by the trend of events and American determination to act. His ability has been demonstrated by his clear understanding of what constitutes intelligence and his natural security-mindedness. Previous memoranda which clearly set forth the Case Officer's estimate of Captain's character may be found in this agent's general file.

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III. TECHNICAL DETAILS CONCERNING RECONTACTING

- A. Contact may be reestablished most safely by personal means. The person calling at his home may talk to either Captain himself or his wife.
- B. To introduce himself, the person calling should merely mention that his visit is being made in behalf of [redacted] [redacted] If possible, this person should first be briefed on a few incidents, the telling of which will assure Captain that the contact is genuine.
- C. Inquiry in legal circles or among professors of law may be a means of investigating Subject before making contact.

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